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Honorable Charles E. Bennett, Chairman
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in response to your request of 19 June 1979 that a moratorium be imposed on the destruction of all CIA intelligence and investigative records which relate to "any contact between official, agent, or other person or organization connected with the Governments of Iran and South Africa in any way, and any Member, staff member or employee of the U.S. House of Representatives". CIA intelligence and investigative records are maintained and disposed of in accordance with mandatory Agency Records Control Schedules approved by the Archivist of the United States. These disposition instructions offer substantial protection against any premature destruction of documents or files, ranging from 10 years to permanent retention for the records you describe.

CIA intelligence and investigative records for the time period specified in your request are thus protected from destruction under law until March 1983 or later. If at any time it appears that your inquiries, or any subsequent investigations resulting therefrom, may extend past this date, we will request an extension of the mandatory destruction for the appropriate records. You may be assured that any records you require will be available.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Admiral Turner:

In connection with this Committee's inquiries into allegations that employees and Members of the House of Representatives unlawfully accepted things of value from representatives of the Governments of Iran and South Africa, I request that you place a moratorium on the destruction of all CIA intelligence and investigative records which relate to the following:

For the period March 1973 until the conclusion of these inquiries, any contact between official, agent, or other person or organization connected with the Governments of Iran and South Africa in any way, and any Member, staff member or employee of the U.S. House of Representatives; and any activity by either such Government to influence the U.S. Congress.

Your cooperation in this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Bennett
Chairman

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